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3D2 FIJI. The "DX News Sheet" states Tada, JA1WPX, will be active **April 24-28th**, as **3D2WP** from **Mana Island** (**OC-121**). From **May 5-6th**, Tada will sign as **3D2WP/P** from **Fiji Island**. Activity will be on CW/SSB and RTTY, 80-10 meters. QSL via home call.

AX, AUSTRALIA. "The 59(9) DXReport" reports that **World Telecommunications Day**, **May 17th**, will be celebrated with stations signing **AX(#)ITU** from each call area, but only between 0000 and 2400z. Look for **AX3ITU** from VK3. QSL via VK3ER.

CY9, SAINT PAUL ISLAND. Operators Dan/K8RF, Geoff/W0CG and Ken/WA9S have announced that an operation will start on **May 28th**. They will be a Multi-Operator Single-Transmitter entry in the **CQ WPX CW Contest May 30-31st**, using the callsign **CY9/K8RF** during the contest. Individual operators will sign **callsign/CY9** outside the contest. Their plans are to concentrate on 160/80/40 and WARC bands before and after the WPX Contest. QSL via operators home callsigns.

CY9, SAINT PAUL ISLAND. Mike, VE9AA, reports he has officially received permission to operate from St. Paul Island during the window **June 25th - July 15th**. He mentions the total time of operation will likely be only **9-10 days**. The callsign will be **CY9AA** as in 1997. QSLs will go to VE9AA, the group leader. Operation will be 160-6 meters SSB/CW, with one station dedicated to full time on 6 meters (this band will take priority). No other modes or bands are planned at this time. Usual DX frequencies will be employed. At this time, only Mike is on the list of operators, and he will be seeking out a few capable CW/SSB ops. If interested, contact Mike via E-mail at: ve9aa@hotmail.com -or- ve9aa@nbnet.nb.ca ADDED NOTE: OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive an additional bulletin containing Mike's complete press release.

FATHER MORAN MEMORIAL STATION PLANNED. Many DXers can remember Father Moran who gave many deserving **9N1MM** over the past years. In his memory and for the

furthering of ham radio in Nepal, Mr. Satish Kharel (9N1AA) and Charlie (K4VUD/9N1UD) have begun to establish a memorial club station in Father Moran's memory. They will be asking for his old call for the station and their plans are to locate a space which will allow easy access for visitor operations and training for more native Nepal hams. Charlie reportedly is looking for advice and support to establish the **9N1MM** station with funding, radios and antennas. If you would like to help, contact Charlie direct or via E-mail at: harpole@pegasus.cc.ucf.edu

FO0, MARQUESAS (French Polynesia, possible new DXCC entity). Just a quick reminder that Bob/W6RJ and his son Bob/W6KR, who were active this past week from **Austral Island** as **FO0FI**, will be active **April 21-28th**, as **FO0FR** from **Nuku Hiva Island** (Marquesa Island group). Activity will be on CW/SSB 160-10 meters. QSL via K6SLO.

FT5X/W/Z CONTROVERSY. Gil, F5NOD, and others from the French LDXG, have **made claims** that Rene's (FR5HR) Crozet, Kerguelen and Amsterdam operations were **not valid**. Naturally this is up to the right officials to decide and announce if his operations are valid. It "may be" recommended to hold off sending QSLs until this is done.

H40, TEMOTU ISLAND WRAP-UP. The **H40AA** team went **QRT** on **April 12th** at about 1800z. They reportedly made about 65000 QSOs. QSL via OH2BN. OPDX InterNet Subscriber will receive the "H40AA - Final Update" as an additional bulletin.

HV, HOLY SEE. It has been reported that there will be a new HV ham station active from the Holy See. His Eminence Cardinal Edmund Szoka, President of "Pontificia Commissione per lo stato della Citt' del Vaticano, has released the authorization. The station will be active starting April 23rd, from Pontificia Universit' Lateranense, the Pope's University, during the 2 Lateran Opening Journey. The station will be active on 20 meters CW and SSB and possibly on 2 and 6 meters. The callsign will be **HV5PUL**, and the station will be operated by IW0DJB (the station manager), IK0OER, IW0BET and others during the "Seconda Giornata Lateranense". For more information, check the WEB page: http://www.pul.it.

IOTA ACTIVITY. The Taunton and District ARC (TADARC) will be activating **St Mary's, Isles of Scilly** with the Special Call **GB0SM** during the period of **April 25th through May 2nd**. The operators plan to maintain a 24 hour operation with a Icom IC737A, IC735 and IC725 HF Transceivers running at 100 watts on 160 to 10 meters. They will be using a R7000 Vertical, wire dipoles and long wire antennas for CW and SSB modes. QSL via the bureau or direct via G3WNI: Bill Lindsay-Smith, Way Close, Hemyock, Cullompton EX15 3QY, England. Bureau QSLs can also be obtained by E-mail at: tom@tctaylor.demon.co.uk

NEW IOTA. Percy, CE7ZK, will be activating a new IOTA, **Damas Island**, during the period of **June 10th to 15th** using the call **CE1LDS/2**. Activity will be on 15 and 20 meters. There is no IOTA reference for this island as yet, but in the IOTA directory this island is in the Coquimbo/Aconcagua Province group.

PACIFIC DXPEDITION (T2 & 3D2). Members of YAMATO ARC which include JA1JQY, JA1KJW, JA3MCA and JA8VE, will be active during **April** and **May** from **TUVALU** (**T2**) and **Fiji** (**3D2**). The group will be active from **T2-land** between **April 25th and May 1st**. Please look for the following callsigns (/operator): **T22JY**/JA1JQY, **T22KJ**/JA1KJW, **T22KT**/JA3MCA and **T22VE**/JA8VE. They will have three 100W station on 160-6 meters CW/SSB (no RTTY). Suggested frequencies are:

CW - 1807, 3507, 7007, 10107, 14007, 18077, 21007, 24897, 28007, 50117
SSB - 3798, 7080, 14197, 18147, 21271, 24937, 28497, 50150 kHz

The YAMATO group will then be active from **Mololo Island** (**OC-121**), in the **Fiji Island**, from **May 2-3rd**, using the following callsigns (/operator): **3D2HI**/JA1KJW, **3D2KZ**/JA8VE, **3D2SH**/JA1JQY and **3D2TK**/JA3MCA. All the above frequencies will be used except there will be no 6 meters. QSL both operations via the operator's homecall.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- **NEW W5 AND ALASKA QSL BUREAUS**. The "ARRL Letter" reports that effective immediately the addresses and managers for the ARRL W5 and Alaska Incoming QSL Bureaus have changed. The **ARRL W5 QSL Bureau** now is the Magnolia DX Association, PO Box 999, Wiggins, MS 39577-0999; manager, Floyd Gerald, N5FG, e-mail floydgee@datasync.com. The new **Alaska QSL Bureau** is at PO Box 520343, Big Lake, AK 99652; manager, Roger Hansen, KL7HFQ; e-mail rkh@alaska.net.
- **NEW KH2 QSL BUREAU**. The "ARRL Letter" reports that the **KH2 QSL bureau** is now being run by the Mariana Islands DX Association. The new address is Mariana Islands DX Association, Box 445 Agana, Guam 96932. For more information, see http://www.guam.net/pub/midxa/.--Jim Kehler, KH2D
- **9M6OO AND OTHER 9M6 QSLS**. Bob, N2OO, reports that he has caught up with the direct QSLs for **9M6OO**, **9M6HIL** and **KP2/N2OO**. Except for recently received cards, all have been answered which were sent direct with appropriate return postage, etc. Bureau cards will be next but expect the normal delays on them. **9M6AAC** QSLs have been ordered from the printer. That will take a month or two. PLEASE NOTE: Anyone who sent their **N2OO/KH9** QSL to Bob instead of via WA4YBV need not resend. Bob will be forwarding everything to the correct manager as soon as the cards are printed. Same is true for **N6MZ/KH9** cards sent to N6MZ and **N2WB/KH9** cards sent to N2WB and **K8XP/KH9** cards, too. Mike, Bill and Tom will also forward the cards sent to them. But please note that the correct QSL route for all of our calls/KH9 is via **WA4YBV**.
- **9M2YXI QSLS**. Keith Kerr, GM4YXI, who was active as **9M2/GM4YXI** from **Pulay Besar Island** (**AS-097**) in **West Malaysia** from **April 16-19th**, should be QSLed direct to: Dr.K.Kerr, East Loanhead, Auchnagatt, ELLON, Scotland.
- **K7K, K4M and XW30(A) QSLS**. Frank, AH0W/OH2LVG, reports that the **K7K** Kure and **K4M** Midway cards are still being processed, and there are still a few thousand yet to go. The expectation is that these will be finished before the Visalia Convention. Frank also learned that the **XW30** and **XW30(A)** QSLs have been printed (in Germany), so these will start flowing very soon. QSL the **XW30(A)** Laos DXpedition via SM0AGD.

SPECIAL EVENT. On **International Marconi Day** look for **W1AA/IMD**, the Marconi Radio Club. They will have several HF stations active on April 25th, from 0000-2359z. **W1AA/IMD** will represent the Marconi Transatlantic Cape Cod, MA. station where the first two way radio transmission took place between the United States and Europe in 1903. There will be over 40 Marconi Day Special event stations throughout the world representing early Marconi station locations. This event is sponsored by the Cornish RAC of UK, who offers a certificate for working 15 of the special event stations.. W1AA/IMD QSL via W1AA or K1VV with SASE or DX via W1 Bureau. Other 1998 Sponsored Marconi Day Stations which will be active April 25th, from 0000-2359z.

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CT1TGM - Coimbra                EI4IMD - Clifden
EI2IMD - Crookhaven             EI5IMD - Crookhaven
EI3IMD - Dublin Bay             GB0MAR - Puckpool
EI4JAM - Dublin                 GB1IMD - Leicester
EI6YXQ - Ballybunnion           GB2MID - Sandbanks
ED7IMD - Cadiz                  G4IMD  - Cornwall
GB0IMD - Alum Bay, IOW          GB4MD  - Caernarfon
GX0MWT - Chelmsford             GB4MPC - Cullercoaters
GB2GM  - Poldhu Cove            GB5MD  - Flatholm/Lavernock
GB2IMD - Pepperbox Hill         GB2MD  - RSGB, Potterts Bar
GB2SFL - SeForeland Lighthouse  GB6MD  - Brean Down Site
GB4JAM - Isle of Wight          IY0YCI - Civitavecchia
GB4MDI - Lavernock Point        IY4FGM - Pontechio
IY0GA  - Sardinia Island        W1AA/IMD - Cape Cod, Mass
IY0ORP - Rocca di Papa, Rome    OE1M   - Vienna
IY1TTM - Sestri Levante         WJ2DX/IMD - Somerville, NJ
IY1MR  - Rapallo, Genova        ZS6IMD - Johannesbure
W6KB/IMD- Marshall, CA          VK2IMD - Wahroonga, N.S.W.
VE1IMD  - Glace Bay, NF         IY4W   - Casalecchio di Reno, BO
VO1IMD  - ST Johns, NFD         W2RC/IMD - New York
TM0IMD  - Stirling Wendel       PA6IMD
GB20IMD - Orkney Museum
DA0IMD  - Borkum
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SPECIAL EVENT. The Mobile Amateur Radio Club, from Alabama, will be operating from **Dauphin Island** (**NA-142**) on **April 25** from 1400-2000z. The club callsign, **W4IAX**, will be used on 14260 kHz +/- QRM.

SPECIAL EVENT (RUSSIAN SUBMARINE ON THE AIR!) A memorial **S56 Guard Red banner submarine**, located at the Russian Navy base in **Vladivostok** (CQ zone 19), will take to the air waves the weekend of **April 25-26th**, for **Submarine Memorial Radio Reactivation Day**. The frequencies are (+/- QRM): SSB - 7040, 14240 and 21240 kHz // CW - 7010, 14040 and 21040 kHz. The amateur radio callsign possibly to be used is **RS56M** (or **UE prefix**). QSL/SWL reports via RW0MM : P.O. Box 73, Vladivostok 690090 Russia. For more details on this event and Submarine Memorial Radio Reactivation Day, please refer to OPDX.349.

TF, ICELAND. Sigi, DL7DF, and his crew (Tom/DL7BO, Ben/DL7BY, Frank/ DL7UFR and 2 YL's) will be active from **June 15th to June 21th**. They will operate especially on the low bands and on CW, but SSB and RTTY are also possible. They will be running with 2 tranceivers and power amplifiers. Their antennas are a 3 element beam for 20, 15, 10 meters, 3 element beam for 17 and 12 meters, GP for 30, 40, 80 and 160 meters and beverages. Look for them on the usual DX frequencies. QSL via DL7DF.

TYPO ERROR REPORTED. Declan, EI6FR, reports there was a typo error in the ZL9 press release he sent out last week. The correct callsign of Jun Tanaka is **JH4RHF** and not JH2RHF as reported.

VK9L, LORD HOWE ISLAND. Paul, N0AH, reports to OPDX that his **VK9LZ** DXpedition is on sked. Force 12 has prepared a DXpedition 12/17 meter beam for him and he will be bringing a home brew 30 meter dipole antenna. Due to equipment problems, his Yeasu FT-900 is being replaced with an ICOM-756 and his R-7000 is also being left at home due to weight limitations from the trip to Sydney to Lord Howe. Instead, Paul will be bringing a Cushcraft

AP8A 10-80 1/4 wave vertical. He will only run a 100 watts, but still plans to focus on the WARC bands. His modes of operation will be CW and SSB, sorry, no RTTY. The Mile High DX Association has helped him with shipping costs and Force 12 gave him a big break on the 12/17 meter beam. Icom gave Paul a banner and Cushcraft is sending him some spare parts for the AP8A. Paul should be on the air from **April 25th-30th**.

XU, CAMBODIA. Amateur radio club of Korea Telecom will visit Cambodia from **April 22-24th** (about 48 hours, from evening of 22nd to morning of the 24th). They will operate on 20, 15, and 10 meter band CW and SSB. Please check 14210, 21210, 28420 kHz. Their callsign will be either **XU3MTM** or **XU7MTM**. The operators will be HL2AQN, HL3APP, HL2ACI, and HL1OXR. QSL requests must go to HL2AQN.

XUF2, CAMBODIA. Harv, **XUF2B** (Yes, the callsig is correct!), has been very active past week on RTTY on 20 and 15 meters. Check around 14085 and 21085 kHz. Activity has been reported as early as 1245z on 20 meters (lasting as late as 1830z). On 15 meters, activity usually starts around 1600z. QSL via N4JR.

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http://www.intercom.es/qtc/qtcopdx.htm

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